

January Twentieth

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The second regular Meeting of Council was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Ruby B. Archie, P. A. “Pete” Castiglione, Jr., E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., Mayor John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, Albert K. “Buddy” Rawley, Jr., Sherman M. Saunders, H. Phillip Smith, and Vice-Mayor R. Wayne Williams, Jr. (9).

Staff members present were City Manager Jerry L. Gwaltney, Deputy City Manager M. Lyle Lacy, III, Assistant City Manager for Utilities Joseph C. King, Interim City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., Finance Director Aubrey D. Dodson, and Clerk of the Council Annette Y. Crane, CMC.

Other Staff members present were Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer Kent Shelton.

Mayor Hamlin presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Phillip Smith offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Archie and second by Council Member Rawley, Minutes of the January 6, 2004 Regular Meeting of Council were approved as presented. Draft copies had been submitted to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

BUDGET ADOPTION-FY 2003-04-VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEMS

Upon Motion by Council Member Luther and second by Council Member Smith, Ordinance No. 2004-01.01 presented by its First Reading on January 6, 2004 amending the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to provide for a grant in the amount of \$213,260 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration to install vehicle exhaust removal systems in each of the City fire stations was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0

AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9).

NAY: None (0).

REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT - CITY & CHRIST TEMPLE CHURCH

- Council Member Archie moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-01.02

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHRIST TEMPLE APOSTOLIC HOLINESS CHURCH FOR A SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION.

The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Williams and adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0

AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9).

NAY: None (0).

EXTEND AUDIT CONTRACT - GOODMAN & COMPANY

- Council Member Daniels moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-01.03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE AUDIT CONTRACT WITH GOODMAN & COMPANY, INDEPENDENT AUDITORS.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Saunders and adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0

AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9).

NAY: None (0).

BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2003-04 - RCATT SUPPORT FUNDS

- Upon Motion by Vice-Mayor Williams and second by Council Member Saunders, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-01.03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003-2004 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING (RCATT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

Mayor Hamlin asked City Manager Gwaltney to update Council Members on RCATT. Mr. Gwaltney said the project is a shared regional effort with Pittsylvania County. He advised the Board of Supervisors is considering the same issue tonight during their meeting and would probably be appropriating \$75,000 as well. When the matter originally came up, there were two issues that arose: 1) Pittsylvania County needed time to look at the matter; and, 2) when the ARCATT site was moved from the Airside site to the Cyber Park, there were fill problems with the dirt. That matter has been addressed and the State is now ready to put the project out for bids. Mr. Gwaltney said construction would begin as soon as the bidding process was complete.

Council Member Castiglione advised most of the City's cost is site development. The State would be picking up building, equipment and utility costs once the facility is up and running. He said ARCATT was a very important tool in the City's economic development efforts.

Mr. Castiglione advised that because he is an employee of Danville Community College, he would **abstain** from voting on final adoption of the RCATT matter during the February 3 Council meeting, since his vote might be construed as a possible conflict of interest.

COMMUNICATIONS

- City Manager Gwaltney announced the Joint Meeting with Council Members and the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors has been set for Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at 6:00 P.M. at the Stratford Inn Conference Center.

Mr. Gwaltney advised that Larry Wales, the City's financial advisor at Springsted, Inc., had informed him the City could possibly realize approximately \$300,000 in savings by refinancing some of the City's outstanding bonds. Mr. Gwaltney said the matter is being discussed further and if the savings look promising, the matter would be placed on the Council Agenda in February.

ROLL CALL

- Council Member Archie reported she attended the Danville City School's Community Breakfast

last Wednesday and said she was very impressed with the remarks by School Superintendent Bill Torok. Mrs. Archie felt the school system was moving forward in a very positive direction.

Council Member Castiglione advised that the Governor's Order 54 dealt with energy conservation in State agencies. He said Governor Warner was looking for a 7% increase in energy efficiency over the next 2 years and 10% down the road. Mr. Castiglione felt it might be a good time for the City to take a look at some of the things being done in terms of energy conservation.

Mayor Hamlin congratulated Council Member Daniels, a long-time member of Keen Street Baptist Church. The church is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Mr. Daniels has served on the church board for many years.

Council Member Rawley congratulated three Danville citizens who were recently inducted into the Danville Sports Hall of Fame. They are Howard "Hank" Allen, Bobby Mitchell, and James Slade.

Council Member Saunders congratulated Hall of Famers Allen, Mitchell, and Slade.

Mr. Saunders thanked the administration for addressing citizens' concerns in a timely and efficient manner. He encouraged those who were interested to take advantage of services offered by the Dan River Business Development Center. The Center offers education for individuals who are contemplating opening a small business. Mr. Saunders advised that anyone interested in doing so may contact Director Mike Tentowski at 434-793-9100.

Mr. Saunders said that patients at nursing home facilities who have personal telephone service in their rooms are required to pay telephone taxes. Mr. Saunders asked Mr. Gwaltney to investigate the possibility of a waiver for these special citizens.

Vice-Mayor Williams expressed enthusiasm that the Carolina Panthers would take part in the Super Bowl Game on Sunday, February 1.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P. M.

MAYOR

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